

MAILED FOR THE MIDDLE WEST

Zealandia Chartered for Manila--Duty for Naval Reserves.

MAJOR OSCAR F. LONG, U. S. A., chief quartermaster of the department, yesterday received a wire from Washington that the Zealandia of the Oceanic Steamship Company had been chartered by the Government for transport service in the Philippine expedition. There is talk of chartering other vessels, but no definite announcement of further engagement in this respect could be made yesterday. The fitting of the Zealandia for the voyage will be of the same character as that which has proved so acceptable in the case of the Australia. Patent berths will be installed and other features of comfort introduced.

The Zealandia's regular run will be taken by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The Doric will be the first vessel out.

Regarding the City of Peking's fitness for carrying troops without discomfort for the men it was remarked by Major Long yesterday that the ship had been prepared for the expedition under the personal supervision of Captain Gibson of the United States navy and Mr. Schwerin, an ex-officer of the navy. The ship had been inspected by the Sanitary Commission and by the General Merriam and Otis. The Government has now decided to limit the number of soldiers to go on the Peking to one regiment. The former plan was to send a regiment and a battalion on this ship. In consequence of this change much of the space on board will be given to cargo and the men will not be crowded. It is said that every vestige of Chinese occupancy has been removed and the Chinese crew discharged. Changes have been made to insure perfect ventilation by means of better fans and by means of exhausting the impure atmosphere.

General Merriam, commanding the Department of California, has been advised that the extensive barracks at Benicia, which can comfortably shelter 10,000 men, are now vacant and can be used if desired. General Merriam believes that the incoming troops should be encamped in San Francisco, where the supply department and subsistence stores are established. It is thought to be better to have all the troops for the Manila expedition concentrated here under the immediate direction of the officers appointed to command the force. It is estimated at department headquarters that the San Francisco Bay District ground is ample for 10,000 men. As troops go forward to Manila places will be vacated which may be filled by regiments arriving later.

Concerning the mishap to the Charleston, which was reported yesterday that he had taken condenser tubes from his own ship to enable the Government to make the needed repairs on the cruiser. The Charleston was constructed fourteen years ago and no doubt new condensers were needed. It is believed that the Government plant at Mare Island was not able to supply condensing apparatus. In all the rush of war preparations the managers of the Union Iron Works have not been solicited to rush the work of fitting the tubes. On their own motion the Scotts have advanced the work on the torpedo-boat Farragut and will soon have the vessel ready for service.

The change of climate and open air will have a beneficial effect on the tented field of the Presidio an appetite that the army ration hardly satisfies. There is some complaint that the food is not sufficient in quantity for the demands of these robust youngsters. The adequacy of the ration may be due in part to the inexperience of the regimental commissary officers and the company commissary regiments, but whatever the cause may be, the fact still remains that troops means men in California should have all the good things of fruits and dainty good things, the men from Washington and Oregon may not have been so thoughtfully provided for as the men of the California organizations. Many of the friends and relatives of the troops went out to the camp with offerings of good things to eat. It would be in good form and in line with broad principles of hospitality for our people here in San Francisco to pay especial attention to the wants of the members from other States than California.

DELAYED BY A WRECK.

Arrival of Nebraska and Kansas Battalions--Troops in Fine Condition.

One battalion, the Third, from Nebraska, completing that regiment, and two battalions of the Twentieth Kansas Volunteers, were all the troops that arrived in this city yesterday, though several battalions reached Oakland last night and the men will cross the ferry and proceed to camp early this morning.

At least 3000 men should have arrived during the day, but a disastrous wreck on the Central Pacific, near Boca, delayed all the train trains nearly half a day. As a result, the streets leading to the old Bay District track will resound with the tramp of boys in blue from early this morning until late at night. Many more will follow to-morrow, so that the patriotic citizens of San Francisco will be kept busy welcoming the marching hosts.

All day long yesterday a big crowd waited outside the ferry depot for the men from beyond the Rockies. Within the big structure a boy of ladies as patriotic as any wearer of the army blue waited, but not from idle curiosity. Their mission was to minister to the soldiers, and most nobly they performed their labors. These were the members of the Red Cross Society, reinforced by a delegation from the King's Daughters. They had been notified that the troops would begin to arrive early in the morning, and long before 8 o'clock they assembled in the baggage room, laden with food and flowers. A wagon containing several milk cans filled with steaming coffee drove up and the men were served with readiness. The long tables were tastefully decorated with flowers, and huge bunches of lemons, lemons, and lemons were piled up. Finally the first detachment of the Nebraska and Kansas troops was received that the first detachment

States Army--Sir: The young ladies of Golden State Parlor, N. D. G. W., place in your hands at the request of Major W. L. McCarthy, United States Volunteers, the sum of \$50 for the use of the medical department detailed for service to the First Regiment, United States California Volunteer Infantry. Very respectfully,
MISS B. MEYER, Secretary.
MISS M. DUNKER, Treasurer.

The money was turned over by Miss Dunker to Major McCarthy, who in turn sent it to Major White.

The requisitions of the Sixth and Seventh regiments are now all in the quartermaster's department, and in a week's time these commands will be equipped and ready for service. Company B of the Seventh yesterday divided a purse of \$150 among the men, which had been raised for the soldiers by the citizens of San Diego.

General Barrett and Colonel Burgin were in camp yesterday adjusting the

final transfer of all State property to the Government. General Warfield and several members of his staff were also visiting in the city. The major is newly recruited and consists largely of railroad men, and thirty-five of them are six feet or over in height. Company D and Company A are the two crack commands, having been commanded by General Miles as equal to regulars.

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Camped at the Sixteenth-Street Station, Oakland, Last Night.

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The officers of the various companies are as follows: Captain A--Captain J. E. Towers, First Lieutenant Frank J. Frank, Second Lieutenant E. E. Huddleston; Company B--Captain E. E. Walker, First Lieutenant Charles B. Walker, Second Lieutenant E. B. Showalter of Kansas City; Company F--Captain William A. Greene, Second Lieutenant H. A. Shidler of Fort Scott; Company L--Captain George N. Watson, First Lieutenant E. A. Frye, Second Lieutenant W. A. Callahan of Abilene.

The regimental officers are: Colonel Fred Johnston, now detained and on the staff of General Miles at Tampa, Fla.; Lieutenant Colonel E. C. Little of Topeka; Major J. H. Metzger, adjutant; Captain Charles S. Huffman, assistant; Lieutenant Henry D. Smith; hospital steward; William E. Hungerford, Seth B. Hammel, C. Faulkner; quartermaster sergeant, John G. Schlemmer; sergeant major, F. R. Dodge.

OVER NIGHT IN OAKLAND.

The Minnesota Troops Sidelined--Tracked in the Freight Yards.

OAKLAND, May 20--The West Oakland railroad yards were alive with blue-coated soldiers to-night for the first time since the great railroad strike of 1894. In fact the stirring times of that year were recalled by many as they saw train after train roll into town loaded with soldiers. The First Battalion of the First Minnesota Regiment Volunteers arrived at 6:30 and were placed on a siding at Seventh and Bay streets. A guard was put out and military law established. The sentinels had fixed ammunition in their guns and a military bearing which commanded respect from all. No one was allowed to approach nearer than twenty feet to the train until he had been admitted by a commissioned officer. The regimental and line officers are as follows: Colonel, C. McC. Reeves; first lieutenant, Fred W. Ames; majors, J. H. Fredericks, first battalion; Ed S. McBean, second battalion; A. M. Diegle, third battalion; adjutant, Lieutenant E. G. Falk, quartermaster, Lieutenant M. L. Hart, chaplain, Captain Charles A. Cressy; battalion adjutants, Lieutenant Milton S. Mead, first battalion; M. E. Garcelon, second battalion; E. M. Conrad, third battalion; surgeon, Major R. J. Fitzgerald; assistant surgeon, Captain J. W. Ritchie; Company A--Captain, R. McWade; first lieutenant, Roy Pearce; second lieutenant, John D. Morgan; Company B--Captain, Frank Rowley; first lieutenant, Harry Keilner; second lieutenant, Don Fitzgerald; Company C--Captain, N. C. Robinson; first lieutenant, C. G. Bunker; second lieutenant, James Snow. Company

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Colonel Reeve is a son of General Reeve of the U. S. A., and is an old guardsman. Captain Morgan is the son of General Morgan, who led the gallant First Minnesota Regiment during the Civil War, which lost 82 per cent of its enrolled strength and became famous at Gettysburg.

Captain McKilvey has seen nine years' service in the regulars and is an old Indian fighter. He has served two terms as Sheriff of Stearns County. A few

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ARMY HEADQUARTERS.

General Otis at Work Organizing the Manila Expedition.

There are no men in San Francisco who are harder worked at present than the officers at United States Army headquarters. They are kept busy from early morning until 10 o'clock at night in carrying out the instructions received from Washington in regard to the fitting out of the Manila expedition.

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It has not yet been decided what troops will go on the Peking, nor is it yet certain who will go in command of this advance guard, although it is intimated that Brigadier-General Anderson will be placed in charge.

General Anderson, who has returned from Skaguay, is now in Portland, and

can reach San Francisco in time to sail on the Peking.

General Otis has thoroughly investigated the condition of the volunteers who have arrived here, and is very much pleased with their physical state. He found, however, that their equipment is deficient in several important particulars, which he has taken steps to remedy as promptly as possible. It is a settled fact that no troops will be sent to the Philippines until they are properly equipped in every respect.

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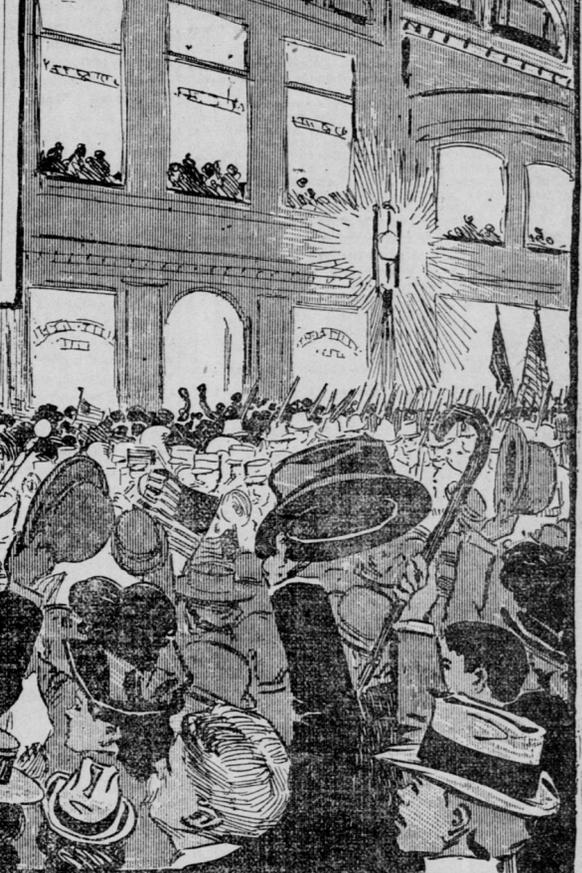
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1. No vessel will be allowed to pass through the channel entrance between Ballast Point and Point Loma (4) p. m. During this interval vessels must not approach within three miles of Ballast Point.

2. The light on Ballast Point will be discontinued until further orders.

3. All vessels drawing three feet or less can pass safely through any part of the channels during the day time.

4. Steam vessels must pass at slow speed through certain portions of the channel, which will be marked by buoys.

5. Vessels are warned that if they disregard these regulations they will expose themselves to serious damage, and will be liable to be fired on by the batteries.

CHARLES E. L. B. DAVIS, Major Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

The United States Lighthouse Inspector has given the following notice:

NOTICE TO MARINERS--SAN DIEGO BAY--CALIFORNIA.

Office of United States Lighthouse Inspector, Twelfth District, San Francisco, Cal., May 20, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that owing to the planting of submarine mines in the entrance to this harbor, and the prohibition of navigation at night, the following-named lights and fog signal will be discontinued on May 25 until further notice:

Ballast Point, Beacon No. 2, La Playa, Beacon No. 6, Diamond Beacon.

During foggy weather the bell at Ballast Point will be sounded only between the hours of 10 p. m. and 5 a. m.

This notice affects the "List of Lights and Fog Signals, Pacific Coast, 1897," page 12, and the "List of Beacons and Buoys, Pacific Coast, 1897," page 12. By order of the Lighthouse Board, C. E. L. B. DAVIS, Major Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., Inspector Twelfth Lighthouse District.